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MARGINAL COLUMN
By MEIR MINDLIN

CERTAINLY nothing was lost by Mak's closing convention to the public. What deep secrets could have been exposed to the public view, when the party line is as predictable as tomorrow morning's "News"? As for the internal manoeuvrings and position jockeying of the party officials they take place in such a far-fetched context, as so cut off from political realities, that they are best ignored.

NEVERTHELESS, one cannot deny that there is a certain fascination in a party designed, by definition, for political action *par excellence*, but which has quite consistently, for the past 37 years of its existence, chosen the path of oblivion. The obvious, immediate reason for this is the fact that it has been a party dancing to a foreign pipe, and to a tune that has been harshly dissonant to local ears. Israel communism has been the victim of the Soviet attitude to Jewry and Zionism, which, with an aberration or two, has been a consistently hostile one. And it has had to contend with a superior ideology, one which has had powerful totalitarian social aims of its own, combined it with strong nationalist feeling, and set both in an ancient and continuous cultural tradition. If we add to this the fact that Communist interests have almost invariably been hostile to the elementary security of the Jewish community here, it is not difficult to understand their ostracism. Successive groups of disgruntled newcomers might forget Mak's past, but every crisis requiring the taking up of a position has emphasized just where it stands. There really is something fantastic and quixotic about such a long line of anti-Yishuv activities.

THE first display of Communist political acumen came with the May Day riots of 1921, which led to the Arab attack on the Jewish quarter of Jaffa (and to the murder of the Hebrew writer Y. H. Brenner). It resulted in the deportation of the leaders of the M.O.P.S., as it was then called; of Khabib, who appeared; Averbach, who was executed in the great purge in Russia; Dua, who died in Poland; and Meirson, who spent many years in prison in Siberia. There followed the Afikim incident in 1924, when the Communists incited the Arabs to attack Jewish settlers. The general tone was set by an open letter sent by the Communists to the Serpents Arab Conference in 1928: "It is our sacred duty to fight side by side with the Arabs and arouse the people of the world against the Zionist danger." Though caught unaware by the Arab massacres of 1929, they soon realized that they should have led them and concluded that "in a country like Palestine, a revolutionary movement without pogroms is impossible." The party had forgotten that the fellahs and Beduin waited for leadership and wanted to be shown what to do with their knives and revolvers.

WHEN the 1936-39 Arab revolt came, they were better prepared, after the party executive had decided that "the Arab Communists should actively participate in destroying Zionism, while the Jewish members should do their share by weakening the Yishuv from within." Party representatives met the Mufti of Jerusalem on the eve of the outbreak of the riots, and two Communists were attached to the staff planning the revolt; both Nimeh and Fud Nasir took an active part in the fighting. The revolt had no sooner smouldered out when the Nazi-Soviet Pact of 1939 again tested the loyalty of the Palestine party, which was not found wanting, and in 1940 we find them declaring about the war against Hitler: "The Communist Party declares at this critical moment that a Jewish army under the command of the traitorous Zionist gangs and British imperialism is sharply inimical to the vital interests of the Jewish masses in this country... Demonstrate your opposition to the war effort in all its forms! And so the record continues, with support of the Prague trials and of the accusations against the Russian Jewish doctors, all the way to the opposition to the Sinai campaign. As an expert on the subject, W. Z. Laqueur has remarked: "It is one of the very few Communist parties in the world which has carefully refrained from writing its own history... It does not celebrate anniversaries, and even abstains from quoting the party press of bygone years. Though one of the oldest parties in Palestine, it is, at least, without a past."

WE are left with only two alternative motives for the political orientation of a local Jewish Communist: the hope that the eventual intervention of a foreign force will bring his party to power, or that strange old character flaw — Jewish self-hatred.



Barth Dead at 67; Banker and Author

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Dr. Aharon Barth, General Manager of Bank Leumi Le-Israel and former member of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod, died this afternoon at his home here, at the age of 67 after a heart attack.

The funeral procession will leave his house at 5 Keren Hayesod Boulevard at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow, passing the Shul Shivat Zion Synagogue and the head office of Bank Leumi Le-Israel on its way to the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery. All branches of the Bank Leumi will be closed tomorrow from 10.30 a.m.

Dr. Barth was born in Berlin in 1890 to an Orthodox family. His father, Prof. Ya'acov Barth, was an Orientalist, lecturing in Semitic languages at Berlin University. His grandfather, Rabbi Dr. Azriel Hildesheimer, founded the Rabbinical seminar in Berlin, where Dr. Aharon Barth studied law. He then attended various universities, and in 1911 received his doctorate in law. From 1916 he practised as a lawyer in Berlin, and became legal adviser to several German banks. He was educated in religion and, under the influence of Herman Strouk, entered the Zionist movement in which he was active in the Mizrahi Party, being elected President of Mizrahi in 1920. Attended All Congresses Since the end of the First World War he was a delegate to every Zionist Congress. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod and later became a congress lawyer, eventually being elected President of the Zionist Congress.

In 1931 he arrived in Israel and lived in Haifa until 1938. In that year he moved to Tel Aviv, where he became Deputy Chairman of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, working with Mr. E. S. Hoofien. When Mr. Hoofien left his post in 1947, Dr. Barth became General Manager of the bank and in that capacity he signed the first currency notes used in Israel. Apart from his professional and social work, he also contributed a great deal to literature, publishing several books, among them "Our Generation and the Eternal Problem," "Education to Belief" and "Why Religious Precepts Were Issued." These books were published by the Zionist Organization and were translated into English, Italian and Spanish.

He is survived by his wife, Paula, two sons — Ya'acov, a member of Kibbutz Sa'ad, and Yehuda, an officer in the Army — and a daughter, Tamara.

A-Sha'ab Deputies Quit Syrian House

A sharp crisis faced the Syrian Government yesterday following the resignation of Ruzhdi Kikhya, leader of the Sha'ab (People's) Party, and the other 37 deputies of his party from Parliament on Saturday night.

Solh Rejects Offer By Opposition

Premier Sami Solh of the Lebanon was reported yesterday to have refused to listen to a "compromise" proposal from the opposition that it would call off its anti-Government campaign provided a "neutral" personality would be chosen to fill the post of Minister of Interior.

The portfolio is concurrently held by Solh. While the reports were unconfirmed by official Beirut sources, it was reported by Cairo Radio that the anti-Government forces have "agreed" on this plan. However, it was obvious that the opposition's strike and agitation have failed, and that it is now trying to save face.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Ministry spokesman declared in Beirut yesterday that the Lebanon does not intend at present to file a protest with the Syrian authorities on the participation of Syrian nationals in last Thursday's disturbances.

Paris Radio, broadcasting in Arabic, reported yesterday that the "mercenary elements" in Lebanon which were responsible for the disturbances were working under the direction of a Syrian officer named Burhan Yunis, said to be the personal assistant of Col. Sarraj, head of the Syrian Second Bureau (Intelligence).

ANA reported from Beirut yesterday that the Lebanese authorities expelled a number of Egyptians and Syrian nationals for being unable to explain their presence in the country.

Yemen Seeks Aid Of Egypt and Syria

The Yemeni Government prefers to collaborate with Egypt and Syria, and is seeking technical, military, economic and financial aid from these two countries, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Yemen told the Middle East News Agency, according to Damascus Radio.

(The Yemen was the only Arab country to be visited by the Richards mission which has flatly rejected the Eisenhower Doctrine.)

Jordan Pays U.K. For Army Installations

Jordan paid the British Government £702,000, as the first instalment of the cost of British military installations left behind after the termination of the 1945 treaty between the two countries, "El Jihad" reported yesterday.

Soviets Accept Slow Approach To Arms Cuts

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist Party chief, said in a filmed television interview with an American correspondent broadcast today, that the Soviet Union was "quite prepared" to agree to a small step toward disarmament instead of trying for a comprehensive agreement at once.

On the related question of Western Europe, Mr. Khrushchev challenged the Western allies to withdraw their troops from Western Europe while the Soviet Union would withdraw its troops from Eastern Germany, Poland, Hungary and Rumania. "We have no troops anywhere else," Mr. Khrushchev said. "I think that it would be a very useful first step to test the good-will of the two sides and to establish a good atmosphere which would not smell of war, but which would lead to good, friendly relations that could be brought about between our two countries. That is what we have been talking about, and we are quite prepared to do that."

Mutual Withdrawal On the presence of Soviet troops in Hungary, Mr. Khrushchev again challenged the West to withdraw troops from Germany and France while the Soviet Union would withdraw its troops from Eastern Germany, Poland and Hungary. He asserted that they would see that the Kadat regime would "flourish for ages to come."

At other points in the interview, he said that only a "madman" would unleash a new world war. He said the Soviet Union wanted to compete with capitalism by "peaceful means, economically and otherwise."

Israel Destroyers, Planes in Exercise

A warlike atmosphere pervaded the Israel destroyers Eilat and Jaffa yesterday, as they engaged in combat manoeuvres in the Mediterranean. It was reported by a military correspondent.

The vessels fired live ammunition and exchanged simulated fire with four Israeli jets that swept lower and lower to mast level.

Jordan Claims Firing On Israel Planes

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuter). — A Jordan Army spokesman said today that Jordan anti-aircraft guns had opened fire on four Israeli squadron fighters which violated Jordan air space for five minutes.

U.S. Explodes Small Nuclear Device

LAS VEGAS, Sunday (Reuter). — After reported delays, the U.S. today detonated a small nuclear device from a 100-metre tower in Yucca Flat, about 130 kms. north-west of Las Vegas.

Grave Situation Seen if Nasser Persists in Guerrilla Warfare

B-G Addresses Knesset Today Israel to Confer at U.N. Today

Lodge Denies Enlarged U.N. is Unwieldy

By JESSE ZEL LUNIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NEW YORK, Sunday. — An United Nations organization enlarged to 51 nations "may prove unwieldy, but it hasn't yet," Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, chief American delegate to the U.N., said over C.B.S. Television today.

With hard work, a two-thirds majority had been achieved in the resolutions on the Middle East in February, he added. "If we hadn't, you might have said that the U.N. was ineffective."

Turning to the Afro-Asian bloc at the U.N., Ambassador Lodge said that they had not all been radically anti-colonial. Members of the group had "contributed a moderating influence on the Algerian and Cyprus debates."

Yugoslavs Ask USSR To Reconsider Aid Plan

BEIGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). — Yugoslavia has asked Russia to reconsider the Kremlin's virtual withdrawal of plans for the investment of more than \$100m. in the Yugoslav economy, reliable sources said today.

They said there had been contact at diplomatic level between the two countries and it was hoped Russia would agree to an investment in some "new form." This was not specified but it was said the Yugoslav Government now expected there would be some help on a reduced scale from Moscow.

Plans New Escapes

There is little doubt that this buildup in the Strip is a preparation for larger escapes by Nasser. The likelihood was increased with the news that within the past week a battalion (about 800 men) of Sudanese regulars have entered the Gaza Strip. They are the first regular Egyptian, non-Palestinian troops to return to Gaza.

The Prime Minister has made it clear that he would accept no negative votes in the Knesset from the Coalition members, and it appears now to have been agreed that Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda members will abstain from the vote. It is not believed that any attempt will be made by the two left-wing parties to make separate declarations on the Doctrine.

The Prime Minister will repeat the declaration of May 21, and in a speech not expected to last more than 30 minutes he will sum up the Government's position on the Eisenhower Doctrine. He will no doubt point out that at the time of the declaration of May 21, and in a speech not expected to last more than 30 minutes he will sum up the Government's position on the Eisenhower Doctrine. He will no doubt point out that at the time of the declaration of May 21, and in a speech not expected to last more than 30 minutes he will sum up the Government's position on the Eisenhower Doctrine.

Denish Ship at Eilat After Suez Passage

EILAT, Sunday. — The 700-ton Ulka Danielson, which arrived yesterday, came directly from Trieste through the Suez Canal. She left Trieste eight days ago.

The ship flies the Danish flag and was chartered by Poseidon. She carried building iron and Baltic timber for construction work here and in the Arava. The ship will ply the regular Eilat-Massawa route in place of the Caterina Madre, which has ended her period of service with Poseidon.

The Caterina Madre will sail tomorrow direct for Genoa through the Suez Canal. The ship was originally to have taken on cement for Eritrea.

Infiltrators Steal Pipes and Wheat

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Infiltrators stole irrigation pipes and standing wheat from kibbutzim opposite the southern end of the Gaza Strip on Friday night.

Irrigation pipes valued at IL700 were taken from the fields of Kibbutz Kiasufim. From Kibbutz Ein Hashishah infiltrators stole pipes valued at IL400 and harvested wheat valued at IL700.

Bank Leumi Le-Israel B.M.

The Board of Directors of
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Mourns the sudden passing away of its dear Member and Deputy Chairman
Dr. AHARON BARTH

The Board of Directors of
The General Mortgage Bank of Palestine Ltd.

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The funeral cortege will leave from 5 KKL Blvd., Tel Aviv, for the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery, today, at 11.30 a.m., and will pass the Main Bank Leumi Bldg., 19 Rehov Herzl.

Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Generally warm and dry but humid along the coast.

	A	B	C	D
Jerusalem	20	21	21	20
Tel Aviv	20	21	21	20
Haifa	20	21	21	20
Natanya	20	21	21	20
Tel Aviv	20	21	21	20
Lydda Airport	20	21	21	20
Jerusalem	20	21	21	20
Beersheva	20	21	21	20
Sdom	20	21	21	20
Eilat	20	21	21	20

(A) Humidity at 3 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum temp. (D) Maximum temp. yesterday.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Y. Federman, manager of the Isabest Company and head of the "Miami group" of investors in Israel, after a business trip to Europe (by El Al).

The Hapoel Football Team and their trainer, Mr. A. Gibbons, after a tour to the United States (by El Al).

Mr. Ya'akov Shor, Chief Engineer of Solel Boneh, from Rome after negotiating Solel Boneh contracts in Turkey and Italy (by L.A.I.).

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Foreign Currency Budget Of \$577m. Adopted by Cabinet

The Cabinet yesterday approved a foreign currency budget of \$577m. for 1957/58. This represents an increase of 10 per cent over last year's foreign currency expenditure, Mr. Y. Arnon, Director-General of the Finance Ministry, said at a press conference in Jerusalem last night.

In reply to a question, Dr. Arnon said that the foreign currency debt is likely to increase during the year, it being still unclear when we will receive the loans which have been referred to the press during the past few months.

Foreign currency obligations at the end of March 1957, \$522m., an increase of \$60m. over March 1956, Dr. D. Ben-Dor, Director of the Budget Division, stated at the meeting.

Among the increased sources of foreign currency revenue during 1957/58, \$28m. more are expected from higher exports while \$8.5m. should be expected from the sale of shipping and other invisible exports. Personal reparations from Germany should rise by \$11m. Bond Drive income by \$1m. and other foreign currency loans by about \$32m.

Of the increase in foreign currency expenditure, \$14m. will be spent on consumer goods imports to cover the expected six per cent rise in population. Higher market prices will absorb \$20m. more for fuel, \$11m. more for transport costs and \$8m. for other import commodities.

Investments are expected to increase by \$35.5m. while defence expenses should rise by \$7m. On the other hand in the United States (by El Al).

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Jerusalem Asks 10% of Arrivals

Jerusalem's goal is to absorb 10 per cent of all new immigrants, Mayor Gersha Agmon declared yesterday at a meeting of the Municipal Council. The city was not only demanding ten per cent of the newcomers, but also ten per cent of the funds to be invested in housing for these newcomers.

Mr. Agmon said that the city planned to absorb 5,000 families within the next two years, and plans for 2,170 housing units had already been drawn up. In the first stage, 800 units would be built for residents of the Talpiot moshava and another 600 for the new wave of immigration.

In the second stage, 1,670 units would be built. The new estates are to rise mainly in Kiryat Ganim, Katamon and Kiryat Yeha.

The Council also discussed a two-stage plan to overhaul the street lighting system in the capital. The plan, drawn up by the French Dunkerque company, would be carried out with the centre of town in the first stage and the rest of the city later. The first stage was expected to be finished by the end of the year.

The plan was referred to the Public Works Committee. Mr. Agmon also announced that Dr. J. Jacoby would serve as Acting Mayor during the Mayor's absence abroad to attend the Congress of the International Union of Local Authorities.

Average wages were 13 per cent higher than in 1956. The increase in basic wages in January of last year, and the subsequent increase in the cost of living from the report, emphasized that the rise in wages was only partly offset by increased productivity.

In addition, while there was no sign of reduced personal consumption, much of the eight per cent increase in gross national production did not go to satisfy demand but was taken up in increased production. Domestic needs are reflected in the 22 per cent rise in the volume of public sector products and services, and in the fact that the real level of investment did not rise in spite of the indices of accelerated economic activity.

As a result, the proportionate share of investment in the higher national expenditure was smaller, Mr. Horowitz pointed out.

The Government's policy of supporting exports has prevented a serious adverse effect upon the export situation from the rise in production costs, it was noted.

In the non-public sector, agricultural output increased by 16 per cent, industrial output rose by nine per cent and transport services by seven per cent, while construction declined by five per cent.

Building has increased in the last few months with the new influx of immigration. During 1956, imports rose by about 17 per cent, mainly to satisfy the increased demand for consumer goods.

The partial lifting of credit restrictions by the Bank and the widening of relief work projects by the Government prevented a marked fall in employment, which would have come after last year's increase in wages, it was stated.

Beit Vulcani Cornerstone Laid

REHOVOT, Sunday. — The cornerstone was laid today for Beit Vulcani, the projected main building of the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture.

The late Prof. Eliezer Vulkan was founder of the Agricultural Research Station here and its director for many years.

The building, to cost IL-500,000, will contain lecture rooms, laboratories, a department for agricultural economics and a library.

The ceremony was addressed by the President of the University, Prof. B. Mazur.

Sugar Refinery Opens 1957 Season

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The season's sugar production at the Pri Sakhar refinery in Ramat Gan began last night on the first batch of sugar beet.

The plant processes 300 to 350 tons of beet in a 24-hour day. It employs 170 workers.

The sugar refinery in Afula began work last week.

Prices of 'A' and 'B' Eggs Unchanged

Maximum prices of eggs of grades "A" and "B" will not be raised, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman announced yesterday. The grade "A" eggs retail at 95 pruta an egg, grade "B" 85 pruta.

The Ministry spokesman asked the public not to pay more than permitted by law. He said that eggs were being sold at the maximum prices.

Gift of Spanish Books to H.U. Library

The Spanish Government has made an important gift of books to the Jacobo Guttman Library of Spanish Culture in the Hebrew University's Department of Romance Studies. The gift was arranged through the good offices of the Spanish Cultural Attaché in Jerusalem, Dr. Carlos Ramos Gil, who also serves as Teacher of Spanish Literature at the University.

The books include the first modern edition of the monumental Spanish World Chronicle of Alfonso the Wise (13th century), several volumes of the "Clasica Castellana" series, and a number of publications on Spanish literature and history.

RINA GLUCK TROUPE APPEARING THURSDAY

The second appearance of the Rina Gluck Dance Company will be held on Thursday night at the "Ohe" Hall in Tel Aviv. The programme will comprise dances choreographed by Miss Gluck to music of Ben Haim, Milhaud, Villa-Lobos and Bartok, as well as Miss Gluck's premier performance of a solo dance to an Irish-American folk song, "Johnny Has Become a Soldier."

A BRANCH of the Hapoel Sports Organization was opened on Mt. Carmel on Saturday night.

Almogi: 'Will Not Submit To Compulsory Arbitration'

HAIFA, Sunday. The meetings arranged for tomorrow (Monday) between Mr. M. Namir, Minister of Labour, and Mr. Hans Moller of Ata and Mr. Yosef Almogi, Secretary of the Haifa Labour Council, will take place, but in a speech tonight the Secretary of the Labour Council declared that he would object to compulsory arbitration by the Government.

"We renew our decision to oppose compulsory arbitration at Ata," he said. "The plan has become the forward position of the Israel workers in their fight for their rights. The workers shall not become guinea pigs for the unfettered exploitation."

He called on the Government to force the Ata management to meet the workers' demands at all and allow the workers to elect their own representatives to the management. The workers would not accept any form of compulsory arbitration.

Mr. Almogi told the workers that their strike was one of self-defence against the cutting of wages and withholding of benefits that had been granted to all the workers of Israel.

Strike Breakers

He went on to accuse the Ata management of trying to organize strike-breakers, of using the police to keep its downtown store open as a provocation and of "manipulating" the firm's books.

"The workers of Ata stand united," he declared. "The opinion of the public is with you. Mr. Almogi announced that no strike fund would be established and that only voluntary contributions would be accepted."

Observers interpreted the appearance of Mayor Abba Kharushy at the meeting as presenting the Haifa Labour Council leadership with a determined and united Haifa front.

Mr. Moller told the Haifa Labour Council that a public mission appointed by the Minister of Labour had already examined the Ata books and had found no sign of "manipulation." The "shaded" at the downtown store could easily be stopped if the pickets stopped assaulting employees and customers.

Free-for-all in T.A. Pool Dressing Room

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Indignant bathers went home after their bathing costumes were pushed into a rubbish bin in the City's Beach Pool yesterday following a brawl in the pool's cloakroom.

A disturbance broke out when a group of youngsters ran wild in the dressing room, pushing the bathers' costumes into a rubbish bin.

As the crowds of bathers queuing for their clothes in order to return home for lunch lost patience, a rush on the cloakroom began. Many bathers gave up waiting for their clothes and made for home in bathing costumes.

Under cover of the free-for-all, a gang of roughs invaded the cloakroom and began taking various valuables from the bathers' lockers. Police were summoned to the spot and after great efforts, order was restored. They detained a number of suspects in whose possession were found items thought to have been stolen.

Run Over by Bicycle Dies of Injuries

HAIFA, Sunday. — Anis Zuhairi, 46, was killed yesterday when he was run over by a bicycle on the road to Kfar Horeah last night. The cyclist made off, leaving Zuhairi lying in the road for several hours before he was found.

As the cyclist lost his bicycle licence registration, police chased him and detained him. Zuhairi leaves a wife and three children.

2 SOLDIERS KILLED IN NEGEV ACCIDENT

ASHKELON, Sunday. — Two soldiers were killed and 17 were injured today when the truck they were travelling in overturned between Julla and Ashkelon on the Beerseba Road.

GUERRILLA WAR

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Col. Nasser has no intention of withdrawing his forces from the Negev and is determined to wage war, albeit on a small scale at present, in defiance of the U.N. and the Charter.

